



When requesting to register a foreign custody order, you must file two copies of the custody order to be registered. One of those copies *must* be certified by the Court that issued it.

Registration of Foreign Custody Orders

A GUIDE TO REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN CUSTODY ORDERS IN THE FAMILY COURT

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

<http://courts.state.de.us/family>

What registration means:

If you register your foreign custody order this means that the Delaware Family Court will recognize and enforce a custody order from another state.

What registration does *not* mean:

Registration does not necessarily mean that the Family Court has jurisdiction over your case. Jurisdiction may remain where the Order was entered. Therefore, Delaware may not be able change the Order. Delaware can, however, hold a hearing regarding the enforcement of the Order.

When to register:

You have a current valid custody order issued in another state that you would like to be registered in Delaware.

How to register:

Fill out an Affidavit and Request to Register a Foreign Custody Order.

File this along with two copies of the Custody Order, *one of which must be certified by the Court that issued it.*

What happens next:

The Court will register the custody order.

The Court will then send a letter to the other party(ies) informing them that the order has been registered in Delaware.

The other party may oppose the registration of the order and notify the Court within twenty days. The Court will then hold a hearing.

If the other party does not oppose the registration of the order, the order will remain registered in Delaware.

*More information about Registration of Foreign Custody Orders may be found in Title 13, Delaware Code, Section 1934